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1. It was another fairly quiet week but the number of assassinated bodies found throughout the country rose to ten which taken together with other acts of terrorism suggests that there is still a heavy ground swell of political violence in the country.

2. Miscellaneous incidents reported include two fatal shootings, 2 armed attacks on policemen in which 3 officers were reported wounded (Police Commander Sosa later denied to press that one of the attacks actually occurred and the facts are still not clear); a kidnapping of a 19 year old boy and a fire at a factory which produces Incaparina which may have been the result of sabotage.

3. Security forces only reported one action: the arrest of a printer of subversive literature in Chimaltenango and the seizure of a cache of arms and other tools of the insurgents trade.

4. One item which may merit attention occurred on October 30 when 2 shots were reportedly fired from a speeding car at the home of PR Deputy Mario Fuentes Pierruccini in Zone 9 of the capital. Fuentes Pierruccini, however, told the press he did not consider the shots a personal attack on him.

5. It is interesting that there was no political violence at all reported in the formerly turbulent Department of Zacapa. Things are so quiet there that the Mayor of Zacapa and the Commander of the Army Brigade stationed in the area issued a joint statement on October 29 claiming that Zacapa was now the quietest Department in the country.

Enclosure: List of Incidents

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LIST OF INCIDENTS

October 26 - Press reports four assassinated bodies found in La Cumbre, Dept. Chiquimula. They had all been shot and right handof one had been severed. Three of them were identified as Manuel de Jesus Banavente, Rufino Antonio Menendez Hernandez and Dimas Augusto Lemus Hernandez, all of whom had been reported kidnapped on October 21 by a group of unknown men. The fourth was not identified. [illegible] No political motive known.

27 - Four armed men kidnapped Ismael Galvez Marroquin from his Zone 11 house according to his brother. No political motive known.

27 - Bullet-riddled body of Gonzalo Lazaro found in Nueva Concepcion, Dept. of Escuintla. No political motive known.

27 - Feliciando Felix shot down in ambush by unidentified men near Finca La Sierra, Dept. Suchitepéquez. No political motive known.

27 - Incaparina factory swept by fire in Guatemala City. Damage estimated at Q150,000. Unknown if sabotage to blame.

27 - Attempt to penetrate German Embassy in Zone 14 of capital failed as masked band, fired on by policeman, flees. Police claim it has leads, says band is part of known well-organized group. Political motive, if any, unknown.

29 - Commander of Army Brigade at Zacapa and Zacapa's Mayor affirmed that Zacapa was now the quietest Department in the Country.

29 - Unidentified body found in Rio Motagua near Morales, Dept. Izabal. No political motive known.

29 - Police arrest Venancio Garcio Tubar, in Chimaltenango for printing subversive literature. Arms and other equipment were seized.

29 - Body, shot to death, located in Nueva Concepcion, Tiquisate, Dept. Escuintla. Identified as Narciso Osorio Hernandez. No political motive known.

30 - Bullet-riddled body of Jose de Jesus Morales Bateo found dead in Nueva Concepcion, Dept. Escuintla. No political motive known.

30 - Press reports two policemen fired on and wounded when their jeep was fired on in the Avenue Reforma, Zona 10 of the capital. Attackers not identified. Police Commander, Col. Sosa Avila according to later press reports, denied attack occurred.

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October 30 - Press reported a policeman shot and wounded by unknown assailant near his Zone 19 home. Attacker not identified.

30 - Beaten body of unidentified man found at El Carrizal, Dept. Guatemala. No political motive known.

30 - Beaten and shot, nude body of unidentified person found on Finca Zapote in Zone 2 of the capital. No political motive known and no known tie-in to fire at Incaparina factory on same finca October 27.

30 - Two shots reportedly fired at Zone 9 house of PR Deputy Mario Fuentes Pieruccini from speeding car. Fuentes Pieruccini told reporters he considered police guarding his house to be probable object of attack, not himself.

30 - Armed group shoot to death Daniel Alarcon Gomez near Ipala, Dept. Chiquimula. No political motive known.

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